

REMARKS:

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, and 12-13 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action dated October 11, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-5, 9 and 11 would be allowable if re-written into independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 was amended to include all limitations of dependent claim 2 (now cancelled). In other words, claim 1, as amended, is essentially dependent claim 2 re-written into independent form, with the exception that the phrase “one or more overhead channels” has been replaced by “multiple overhead channels.” In this regard, in response to the Examiner’s question as to the importance of the multiple overhead channels, by providing multiple overhead channels, as opposed to a single, unitary channel, movement of the hood due to the air flow from the rear of the hood to the front of the hood is minimized. Specifically, by providing multiple overhead channels, there is not a significant extension of the channels into the interior of the hood, increasing headroom and reducing the likelihood that movement of the hood would cause the lens to be pushed against the wearer’s face.

Furthermore, claim 8 was amended to include all limitations of dependent claim 9. In other words, claim 9, as amended, is dependent claim 8 re-written into independent form.

Claim 14 has been cancelled.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and thus requests withdraw of the Final Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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